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Current Positions

College of Charleston Charleston, SC	Professor of Economics Associate Professor of Economics (tenured August 2010)	2012 - present 2007 - 2012
Casinonomics Consulting, LLC Charleston, SC	Principal and Consultant	2013 - present

Previous Academic Positions

International Gaming Institute University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV	Visiting Distinguished Research Fellow in Gambling Economics	2021 - 2022
International Center for Gaming Regulation University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV	Research Fellow	spring 2019
Department of Psychiatry Harvard Medical School and Division on Addiction Cambridge Health Alliance Cambridge, MA	Visiting Professor	fall 2014
Georgia College Milledgeville, GA	Provost's Visiting Faculty Fellow Associate Professor of Economics Assistant Professor of Economics (tenured August 2003)	April 2022 2003 - 2007 1998 - 2003
Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA	Instructor of Economics	1997 - 1998
Auburn University Auburn, AL	Grad Research/Teaching Assistant in Economics	1993 - 1997

Other Current Appointments, Positions, & Memberships

European Association of Gambling Studies Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Member	2025 - present
Center for Gaming Research and Development West Virginia University Morgantown, WV	Research Fellow	2024 - present
Meister Economic Consulting Rancho Mission Viejo, CA	Academic Affiliate	2019 - present
International Masters of Gambling Law	Academic Affiliate	2018 - present
International Association of Gaming Advisors	Academic Member	2018 - present
<i>International Gambling Studies</i>	International Editorial Board Member	2017 - present
<i>UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal</i>	Editorial Board Member	2010 - present

Previous Memberships & Appointments

International Center for Gaming Regulation University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Academic Council Member	2016 - 2023
<i>The Brief Addiction Science Information Source</i> "The BASIS", basisonline.org	Editorial Board Member	2016 - 2022
Spectrum Gaming Group	Academic Consultant	2008 - 2020
<i>International Gambling Studies</i>	Regional Assistant Editor	2012 - 2017
<i>Gaming Law Review and Economics</i>	Economics Editor	2010 - 2016
<i>Annals of Tourism Research</i>	Resource Editor	2004 - 2012

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Auburn University, Auburn, AL. March 1998.
 Fields: public, international economics
 Dissertation: *Sin and growth: the effects of legalized gambling on state economic development*
 Co-Advisors: John D. Jackson and Robert B. Ekelund, Jr.

B.S. Business Administration, Accounting, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. May 1993.

Teaching

Interests Microeconomics (principles and intermediate), public economics, socioeconomics of gambling, international economics, research seminar, intermediate macroeconomics

Experience Principles classes from 12-120 students; upper-level classes from 7 to 40 students

Introductory:	Freshman seminar for economics Survey of economics (+ honors)	Principles of microeconomics Principles of macroeconomics
Upper level:	Intermediate microeconomics Public finance Senior seminar in economics Drugs & society (honors seminar)	Intermediate macroeconomics International economics Economics of gambling Controversial economic issues
Graduate:	International trade theory	Managerial economics

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Matthew Mullis. “Three essays on risky behaviors.” (March 2027)
Ph.D. in economics, Department of Economics, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

Jennifer Aurthur. “The nature of high risk investing: risky business or gambling?” (September 2017)
Ph.D. in psychology, Faculty of Health Sciences/Psychology, University of Adelaide, Australia.

Miao He. “A comparative study of the political economic of Asian casino gaming.” (May 2017)
Ph.D. in economics, Faculty of Business Administration, University of Macau, SAR China.

Undergraduate Student Advising/Supervision

Research Assistant (unpaid; Paige Ehresmann, Carleton University, June 14-August 31, 2021)

Bachelor’s Essay (Chance Asbornsen, 2025-26; Devin Walden 2021-22; Will McEwen 2019-20;
Elizabeth Mandell 2016-17)

Independent Study (Devin Walden, spring 2021; Will McEwen, spring 2019; Elizabeth Mandell, spring 2016)

Market Scholars (College of Charleston, individual student research, 2015-19, 2022-24)

Omicron Delta Epsilon (faculty advisor, College of Charleston, 2012-2026; Georgia College, 2001-07)

Economics & Investment Club (Georgia College, founding faculty advisor, 2001-07)

Research

Books

Casinonomics: The Socioeconomic Impacts of the Casino Industry. New York: Springer (2013)
Japanese translation, Nikkei Business Publications, Tokyo, 2015

The Economics of Casino Gambling. New York: Springer (2007)
Chinese translation, Yang-Chih Book Co. Ltd., Taiwan, 2008

Working Papers

“Casino openings and local bankruptcies: New evidence from Census Tracts” with G. Wagner

“A simple nudge to increase servers’ tips at bars and restaurants”

“Are casino taxes regressive?”

“Should casinos substitute ‘true odds’ rooms for ‘high limit’ gaming rooms?”

Refereed Journal Articles

“How bad sports betting research can lead to bad sports betting regulations” (2026), with B. Evans. Journal of Gambling Business and Economics 19(1): 29-56.

“How casino match play promotions can hook gamblers (and non-gamblers)” (2025), with B. Evans. UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal 29(1): 197-214.

“The relationship between U.S. economic indicators and casino industry performance” (2024), with A. Meister and R. Sobel. Gaming Law Review 28(1): 8-27.

“A comparison of clustered and isolated casino performance in Missouri” (2023), with T. Nesbit. UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal 27(1): 71-91.

“Quitting while you’re ahead: evidence for individual gambling thresholds from a survey of Massachusetts gamblers” (2022), with D. LaPlante and S. Nelson. Journal of Gambling Business and Economics 15: 3-24.

“Did video gaming expansion boost municipal revenues in Illinois?” (2021), with G. Wagner. Southern Economic Journal 88(2): 649-679.

“The Conceptual Framework of Harmful Gambling: a revised framework for understanding gambling harm” (2020), with M. Hilbrecht, D. Baxter, et al. Journal of Behavioral Addictions 9(2): 190-205.

“How effective are expert TV hosts at saving failing businesses?” (2019), with R. Sobel, R. Sobel, and P. Calcagno. Contemporary Economic Policy 37(1): 9-24.

“The effect of casino proximity on lottery sales: evidence from Maryland” (2017), with W. Cummings and C. Cotti. Contemporary Economic Policy 35(4): 684-699.

“Social and economic impacts of gambling” (2016), with R. Sobel. Invited paper, Current Addiction Reports 3(3): 293-298.

“A review of regulatory theory and the U.S. casino industry” (2016), with P. Calcagno. Journal of Gambling Business and Economics 10: 14-39.

“Setting win limits: an alternative approach to ‘responsible gambling?’” (2015), with S. Litvin, R. Sobel, and R. St-Pierre. Journal of Gambling Studies 31(3): 965-986.

“Casino revenue sensitivity to competing casinos: a spatial analysis of Missouri” (2014), with T. Nesbit. Growth and Change 45(1): 21-40.

“How availability and accessibility of gambling venues affect problem gambling: a review of the literature” (2014), with R. St-Pierre, J. Derevensky, and R. Gupta. Gaming Law Review & Economics 18: 150-172.

“Casinos and political corruption in the United States: a Granger causality analysis” (2013), with P. Calcagno. Applied Economics 45(34): 47781-4795.

“Casinos and economic growth: an update (2013), with J. Jackson. Journal of Gambling Business and Economics 7(2): 80-87.

“The relationship of ADHD symptoms to gambling behavior in the USA: results from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health” (2013), with C. Clark and L. Nower. International Gambling Studies 13(1): 37-51.

“William R. Eadington and the economics of gambling” (2012), with K. Philander. UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal 16(2): 9-18.

“The effect of legalized gambling on state government revenue” (2011), with J. Jackson. Contemporary Economic Policy 29(1): 101-114.

“Casino revenues and retail property values: the Detroit case” (2011), with J. Wiley. Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics 42(1): 99-114.

“The roots of modern ‘social cost of gambling’ estimates” (2011), with S. Kelly. Economic Affairs 31(1): 38-42.

“Financial returns to casino amenities” (2011), with L. Bryant. Journal of Gambling Business and Economics 5(1): 67-84.

“The impact of casinos on fatal alcohol-related traffic accidents in the United States” (2010), with C. Cotti. Journal of Health Economics 29(6): 788-796.

“The relationship between gambling behavior and binge drinking, hard drug use, and paying for sex” (2010), with C. Clark and J. Folk. UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal 14(1): 15-26.

“Determinants of the probability and timing of commercial casino legalization in the United States” (2010), with P. Calcagno and J. Jackson. Public Choice 142(1-2): 69-90.

“Does adolescent attractiveness matter? Academic performance, college attendance, and criminal and delinquent behavior” (2009), with C. Clark. Southern Business & Economics Journal 32(3&4): 57-78.

“Katrina and the Gulf states casino industry” (2009), with J. Jackson. Journal of Business Valuation and Economic Loss Analysis 4(2): article 9.

“Are gamblers more likely to commit crimes? Evidence from a nationally representative survey of US young adults” (2009), with C. Clark. International Gambling Studies 9(2): 119-134.

“Clarification of the social costs of gambling” (2008). Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management 20(2): 141-152.

“Market-based ‘disaster relief’: Katrina and the casino industry (2008), with J. Jackson. International Journal of Social Economics 35(7): 521-530.

“Do US gambling industries cannibalize each other?” (2008), with J. Jackson. Public Finance Review 36(3): 308-333. [Reprinted in *The Economics of Gambling and National Lotteries*, ch. 29. L. Williams, ed. Edward Elgar, 2012.]

“Evaluating crime attributable to casinos in the US: a closer look at Grinols and Mustard’s ‘Casinos, crime, and community costs’” (2008). Journal of Gambling Business and Economics 2(3): 23-52.

“Do casinos really cause crime?” (2008). Econ Journal Watch 5(1): 4-20. Econjournalwatch.org. [18th most downloaded *EJW* article, 2004-2016; more than 18,000 downloads.]

“Do casinos cause economic growth?” (2007), with J. Jackson. American Journal of Economics and Sociology 66(3): 593-607. [Reprinted in *Perspectives on Gambling: Lotteries, Wagers, and Casinos*, pp. 129-143. L. Moss, ed. Wiley-Blackwell, 2007.]

“Problems with quantifying the social costs and benefits of gambling” (2007). American Journal of Economics and Sociology 66(3): 609-645. [Reprinted in *Perspectives on Gambling: Lotteries, Wagers, and Casinos*, pp. 145-181. L. Moss, ed. Wiley-Blackwell, 2007.]

“Additional evidence on the relationship between class size and student performance” (2004), with J. Arias. Journal of Economic Education 35(4): 311-329.

“Methodological issues in the social cost of gambling studies” (2003). Journal of Gambling Studies 19(2): 149-184.

“A note on multiple choice exams with respect to students’ risk preference and confidence” (2001), with J. Thompson. Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education 26(3): 261-267.

“Is professional gambling a directly unproductive profit-seeking (DUP) activity?” International Gambling Studies 1: 177-183.

“The social costs of gambling: an economic perspective” (1999), with A. Barnett. Journal of Gambling Studies 15(3): 181-212.

“State lotteries, isolation, and economic growth in the US” (1999), with J. Jackson. Review of Regional Studies 28(2): 47-69.

“New goods and economic growth: evidence from legalized gambling” (1998), with J. Jackson. Review of Regional Studies 28(2): 47-69.

“J.S. Mill on the income tax exemption and inheritance taxes: the evidence reconsidered” (1996), with R. Ekelund. History of Political Economy 28(4): 559-581.

Comments, Notes, Trade & Other Articles

“Stopping when you’re ahead: win limits and responsible gambling” (2015), with S. Litvin, R. Sobel, and R. St-Pierre. Invited submission, Responsible Gambling Review 1(2): 1-9. [This journal was published only from 2014-16.]

“Economic benefits of casinos likely outweigh costs” (2014). Invited article, *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/us> (October 28).

“The social costs of gambling” (2014). Invited article, *YGI Newsletter* 14(1). <http://youthgambling.com>

“Tribute to the International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking” (2012). UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal 16(2): 85-86.

“Problems identified by Mäkelä parallel those in the ‘social cost of gambling’ studies” (2012). Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs 29(4): 363-365.

“Are you ‘Hot or Not?’” (2008), with M. Baxter. Atlantic Economic Journal 36(3): 367-368.

“The diluted economics of casinos and crime: a rejoinder to Grinols and Mustard’s reply” (2008). Econ Journal Watch 5(2): 148-155. <http://econjournalwatch.org>

“Hurdles in gambling research: measuring the social and economic costs of gambling” (2008). Invited editorial, Canadian Gaming Business 2(6): 33 (August).

“Creating a standardized measure of social and economic effects” (2008). Invited editorial, Casino & Gaming International, pp. 99-102 (April).

“Hurdles in gambling research” (2008). Invited editorial, BASIS Online. Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addictions. <http://www.basionline.org> (February 7).

“Kindt’s paper epitomizes the problems in gambling research” (2004). Invited comment, Managerial and Decision Economics 25(4): 197-200.

“Response to McGowan’s comment on ‘The social costs of gambling: an economic perspective’ (1999), with A. Barnett. Journal of Gambling Studies 15(3): 217-221.

“Comment on ‘Legalized gambling as a strategy of economic development’” (1998). Economic Development Quarterly 12(3): 214-216.

Book Chapters

“The debate over legal gambling”, in *Regulating Land Based Casinos* 2e, pp. 1-24. A. Cabot, N. Pindell, B. Wall, eds. UNLV Gaming Press, 2018. [First published in 1e, 2014, pp. 1-20.]

“Gambling taxes” with C. Hodges, in *For Your Own Good: Paternalism, Taxes, and Fiscal Discrimination in the Twenty-First Century*, pp. 361-374. A. Hoffer and T. Nesbit, eds. Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2018.

“Mr. Burns’ casino: the economics of casino gambling”, with S. Kelly, in *Homer Economicus: The Simpsons and Economics*, pp. 151-160. J. Hall, ed. Stanford University Press, 2014.

“Overview of the economic and social impacts of gambling in the U.S.”, in *Oxford Handbook on the Economics of Gambling*, pp. 108-129. L. Williams and D. Siegel, eds. Oxford University Press, 2013.

“The lottery and casino gamblers in Tennessee”, in *Freedom and Prosperity in Tennessee*, pp. 191-208. J. Clark, ed. Probasco Chair of Free Enterprise, 2012.

“Gambling”, in *Encyclopedia of the Life Course of Human Development*, pp. 155-158 (vol. 2). D. Carr, ed. Macmillan Reference, 2009.

“Ongoing challenges in research on the social costs of gambling”, in *Economic Aspects of Gambling Regulation: EU and US Perspectives*, pp. 13-29. T. Coryn, et al., eds. Martinus Nijhoff, 2008.

Public Speaking on Research & Consulting

South Carolina House of Representatives, Ways and Means Subcommittee. Comments on H.4176, the “I-95 Economic and Education Stimulus Act.” Columbia, SC. (April 22, 2025)

Georgia House and Senate Study Committees on the Preservation of the HOPE Scholarship Program. “Legal gambling in Georgia: social and economic impacts to consider.” Atlanta, GA. (December 10, 2015)

Kansas Lottery Gaming Facilities Review Board. “Forecasting county-level economic impacts of a new casino in southeast Kansas.” Topeka, KS. (June 10, 2015)

Kansas Lottery Gaming Facilities Review Board. “Estimating the competitive impacts of casinos in northeast Oklahoma on the casinos proposed for southeast Kansas.” Topeka, KS. (June 10, 2015)

Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency and Maryland Department of Budget and Management. “The impacts of the introduction of casinos on the sales of traditional lottery products in Maryland,” report with Cummings Associates. Baltimore, MD. (August 14, 2014).

Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate. Testimony on Spectrum Gaming Group’s gaming study for the Florida legislature. Tallahassee, FL. (October 9, 2013)

Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Invited panelist, “Public forum on the economic impacts of casinos in Massachusetts.” Worcester, MA. (June 13, 2012)

Consulting and Funded Research

Government Projects

New York State Gaming Commission (with Spectrum Gaming Group). “Gaming market study: state of New York,” contribution to section F, “Social impacts of expanded gaming,” pp. 112-137. (Spring 2020; full report completed January 2021)

City of Portsmouth (with Meister Economic Consulting). “Review of the potential social impacts of casino gaming and implications for Portsmouth Virginia.” (Fall 2019)

Gambling Research Exchange Ontario (with Strategic Science). “State of problem gambling evidence: societal and economic impacts of gambling.” (Summer 2015)

Kansas Lottery Gaming Facilities Review Board (with Union Gaming Analytics, et al.). “Forecasting county-level economic impacts of a new casino in southeast Kansas,” and “Estimating the competitive impacts of casinos in northeast Oklahoma on the casinos proposed for southeast Kansas.” (Summer 2015)

Maryland State Lottery & Gaming Control Agency (with Cummings Associates). “The impacts of casino introduction on the sales of traditional lottery products in Maryland. (Summer 2014)

Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission (with Spectrum Gaming Group). Literature review. (March 2014)

State of Florida Legislature (with Spectrum Gaming Group). Florida Gaming Study. (Summer 2013)

French Embassy, Department of Economic Affairs, Washington, DC. Claire Meyer. The US gambling industry. (November 2009, *pro bono*)

State of Missouri, Office of the Attorney General. “The social costs of gambling’ literature.” (June 2008)

State of Massachusetts (with Spectrum Gaming Group). Economic impact study for casinos. (May 2008)

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse. “A simple model to explain and illustrate the definition of ‘social cost’.” (May 2000)

Industry Projects

Santee Development Corporation. Consultant on socioeconomic effects of potential casinos in South Carolina. (Summer 2025 - present)

Mi'kmaq Nation (with Meister Economic Consulting). “Potential social impacts of proposed Maine tribal iGaming.” (November 2025)

Quackenbos FTW LLC. “How bad sports betting research can lead to bad sports betting regulations.” (Summer-fall 2025)

iDevelopment & Economic Association (with Meister Economic Consulting and Victor-Strategies). “Response to NERA Economic Consulting, ‘Economic assessment of iGambling in New Jersey’.” (March 2024)

Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. (with Meister Economic Consulting). “The relationship between the US economy and consumer spending on the US casino sector.” (October 2022)

Chesnoff and Schonfeld. “Potential economic impacts of cardrooms in Alaska.” (January 2019)

Davis and Goldfarb, PLLC. Evaluation of I-140 petition/letter. (May 2017)

Central Atlanta Progress, Inc. “Potential social impacts of a casino in Atlanta.” (October 2016)

American Gaming Association (with Spectrum Gaming Group). Academic literature review on small business and casino impacts on the economy. (October 2016)

Casino Association of Indiana (with Spectrum Gaming Group). “Responding to competition, new challenges: regulatory, tax refers in Indiana. (August 2014)

New York Gaming Association (with Spectrum Gaming Group). “New York gaming analysis: potential impact of commercial casinos on lottery ticket sales and video gaming machine revenues.” (June 2013)

Pauma Band of Mission Indians [CA] (with Williams & Cochrane). “Declaration in support of Pauma’s supplemental memorandum regarding amount of restitution.” (June 2013)

Pauma Band of Mission Indians [CA] (with Rosette & Associates). “Declaration in support of Pauma’s motion for preliminary injunction to prevent enforcement of compact payment provisions.” (March 2010)

Spectrum Gaming Group (with Nathan Associates). “The likely effect of VLTs on the Pennsylvania lottery.” (April 2009)

Canadian Gaming Association. “The social and economic impacts of gambling report: comments and considerations.” (August 2008)

American Gaming Association. “Challenges that confront researchers on estimating the social costs of gambling.” 10th Anniversary White Paper Series. (September 2007)

Amazing Taiwan Co., Ltd. (with W. Eadington). “Economic implications of casino gambling in Taiwan.” (September 2006)

Casino Association of Indiana. “Review of PolicyAnalytics’ ‘A benefit-cost analysis of Indiana’s riverboat casinos for FY 2005’.” (March 2006)

Nevada Resort Association. “Review of Schwer, Thompson, and Nakamuro, ‘Beyond the limits of recreation: social costs of gambling in Las Vegas.’” (March 2003)

Academic Projects

University of Nevada, Las Vegas. International Gaming Institute, “Is a clustered or dispersed casino location model better?” (December 2018 - June 2019)

University of Central Arkansas, Arkansas Center for Research in Economics. “Should Arkansas legalize sports betting? Socioeconomic impacts of sports betting.” (Summer - Fall 2018)

Gambling Research Exchange Ontario (GREO). “Economics” section in *Conceptual framework of harmful gambling: an international collaboration, 3rd edition*. (2018; previous editions in 2013, 2015)

College of Charleston, Center for Public Choice & Market Process. Research grant, “Should governments mandate or nudge ‘responsible gambling’ behavior?” (Summer 2016)

Old Dominion University, Economics Forecasting Project. "Hampton Roads casino: the likely socio-economic impacts of a new casino." (Spring 2015)

College of Charleston, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process. Research grant, "U.S. casino industry saturation and optimal tax rates." (Summer 2015)

College of Charleston, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process. Research grant, "Have state gaming commissioners been captured by the casino industry?" (Summer 2014)

College of Charleston, School of Business. Research grant, "Market concentration and hotel room prices in Las Vegas." (Summer 2013)

College of Charleston, School of Business. Research grant, "Casino revenue sensitivity to competing casinos." (Summer 2012)

College of Charleston, School of Business. Research grant, "Casinos and corruption." (Summer 2011)

College of Charleston, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process. Research grant, "Casino tax rates and the economic impact of casinos at the state level." (Summer 2010)

South Carolina Policy Council and College of Charleston, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process. "Regulatory reform: principles of South Carolina." In P. Calcagno, ed. (2009). *Unleashing capitalism: increasing South Carolina's economic prosperity*, pp. 151-169.

South Carolina Policy Council and College of Charleston, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process. "Specific tax reforms to increase economic growth in South Carolina," with S. Arsenault. In P. Calcagno, ed. (2009). *Unleashing capitalism: increasing South Carolina's economic prosperity*, pp. 89-107.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Harrah Hospitality Research Center. Research grant, "Profitability and return-on-investment from casino amenities," with L. Bryant. (2009-10)

College of Charleston, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process. Research grant, "R.I.P. social cost of gambling studies." (Summer 2009)

Florida State University, School of Business, DeVoe Moore Symposium on Critical Issues. Symposium for the *Handbook on the economics of crime*. Research grant, "Casinos and crime." (Spring 2009)

College of Charleston. Research grant, "Do gambling taxes over-burden the poor? The case of casino taxes." (Summer 2008)

College of Charleston, Carter Real Estate Center. Research grant, "Casino revenues and retail property values: the case of Detroit." (Summer 2008)

College of Charleston. SURF grant, "An experiment on small changes in appearance, academic performance, and attractiveness ratings," with C. Blair and A. Colao. (Summer 2008)

Invited or Externally Funded Presentations

Georgia College, College of Business Research Assembly. “Restaurant taxes and tipping: nudging for higher tips.” Milledgeville, GA. (April 2022)

Yokohama (city government), online seminar, “Integrated resort casinos in Japan: considerations for Yokohama.” (December 2020).

University of Sydney, Brain and Mind Centre. Technology, Risk and Gambling Seminar Series, “The changing structure of the gambling economy. Online seminar, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bs50pdjgqpM>. (May 2020)

Responsible Gambling Council, Discovery 2019. Panelist/presentation, “Why the public health approach is wrong or why the economic framework isn’t right.” Toronto, ON, Canada. (May 2019)

The Federalist Society, Washburn Law School Student Chapter. “Touchdown! The rush to sports betting in Kansas.” Topeka, KS. (November 2018)

National Center for Responsible Gaming. 18th Annual NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. Panelist/presentation, “Why research on gambling disorder matters.” Las Vegas, NV. (October 2018)

Responsible Gambling Council, Discovery 2019. Panelist/presentation, “Win or lose – the latest in limit setting.” Toronto, ON, Canada. (April 2017)

Georgia College, Frank Bone Memorial Lecture. “What will be the impact of casinos in Georgia?” Milledgeville, GA. (April 2017)

British Columbia Lottery Corporation, New Horizons in Responsible Gambling Conference. “Should ‘win limits’ become a part of ‘responsible gambling’?” Vancouver, BC, Canada. (February 2016)

Ethics and Economics Education of New England. “Big Idea Conference on Gambling Legalization,” invited panelist. Concord, NH. (November 2015)

International Masters of Gambling Law. “An inconvenient tax,” panel participant. Lima, Peru. (October 2015)

Bastiat Society. “The economics of addiction.” Charleston, SC. (July 2015)

La Fleur’s 2014 Conclave & Interactive Summit. “The impacts of the introduction of casinos on the sales of traditional lottery products in Maryland.” Austin, TX. (November 2014)

2nd Annual Conference on Non-Traditional Lottery Games and Casino Games. “The impacts of the introduction of casinos on the sales of traditional lottery products in Maryland.” Baltimore, MD. (November 2014)

Macao Polytechnic Institute, Seminar on Gaming Management Series. “Socioeconomic impacts of casinos.” Macao, SAR, China. (November 2013)

Georgia State University, Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk. "Win limits as a component of 'responsible gaming.'" Invited workshop participant. Atlanta, GA. (April 2013)

Kenyon College, Shepherd Lecture, "The socioeconomic impacts of the casino industry." Gambier, OH. (March 2013)

Capital University, invited lecture, "The socioeconomic impacts of the casino industry." Columbus, OH. (March 2013)

The Ohio State University, invited lecture, "The socioeconomic impacts of the casino industry." Columbus, OH. (March 2013)

Bastiat Society. "Is legalized casino gambling good for the economy?" Charleston, SC. (January 2011)

Macao Polytechnic Institute, Global Gaming Management Seminar Series. "The economic effects of casino gambling: a perspective from the U.S." Macao, SAR, China. (October 2009)

Florida State University, DeVoe Moore School of Business. Symposium for the *Handbook on the economics of crime*. Research grant, "Casinos and crime." (Spring 2009)

Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addiction. 9th Annual NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. "Analyzing the costs and benefits of gambling: cultural, historical, and economic perspectives." Las Vegas, NV. (November 2008)

Nathan Associates. "The economics of casino gambling." Washington, DC. (November 2008)

Hampden-Sydney College, Center for the Study of Political Economy. "Virtues of the U.S. gambling vice." (October 2008)

Canadian Gaming Summit. "Hurdles in gambling research: social & economic costs." Montréal, Quebec, Canada. (May 2008).

National Council for Responsible Gambling, 21st Annual Conference on Prevention, Research and Treatment of Problem Gambling. "The weak link between gambling research and policy: cost-benefit analysis." Kansas City, MO. (June 2007)

Economica special issue workshop. "The effect of legalized gambling on state tax revenue," with J. Jackson. University of California, Riverside. Palm Desert, CA. (May 2007)

College of Charleston, Department of Economics & Finance. "The economics of casino gambling." Charleston, SC. (February 2007)

University of Alberta, Department of Economics. "The economics of casino gambling." Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (February 2007)

Dutch State Lottery, Colloquium on the European and national perspectives of the regulation of gambling. "Ongoing challenges in cost-benefit analyses of casino gambling." Tilburg University, The Netherlands. (November 2006)

United Kingdom, Casino Scoping Study, Economic Impact Module, Lancaster University, UK. Invited virtual workshop participant. Tilburg, The Netherlands. (November 2006)

Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addiction. 7th NGRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. “What happens when we ignore science? Risks to public policy and public health.” Las Vegas, NV. (November 2006)

Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addiction. 7th NGRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. “The real costs: how to effectively measure social and economic impacts.” Las Vegas, NV. (November 2006)

Alberta Gaming Research Institute. 5th Annual Conference: Social and economic costs and benefits. “Quantification of the social costs and benefits of gambling.” Banff, Alberta, Canada. (April 2006)

Maryland League of Women Voters. “Complicating issues on the social costs of gambling and slot machines in Maryland.” Annapolis, MD. (December 2003)

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse. 1st International Symposium on the Social Costs of Gambling. “A simple model to illustrate the definition of ‘social cost’.” Whistler, BC, Canada. (September 2000)

Television/Radio Presentation or Guest

Aljazeera America, *Inside Story*. “The winners and losers of casino gambling.” TV show guest. Washington, DC. (September 16, 2014)

National Public Radio, *OnPoint with Tom Ashbrook*. “Is the gamble on casinos paying off?” Radio show guest. Boston, MA. (June 24, 2014)

National Public Radio, *OnPoint with Tom Ashbrook*. “Casino cannibalization.” Radio show guest. Boston, MA. (April 17, 2012)

C-SPAN Radio. “The real cost: how to effectively measure social and economic impacts.” Presentation at the 7th NGRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. Las Vegas, NV. (November 2006)
[Aired Sunday, December 10, 2006, 10:00am]

Research Presentations at Professional Conferences or Seminars

“How bad sports betting research can lead to bad sports betting regulations.”
19th International Conference on Gambling & Risk Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (May 2026)

“Casino openings and local bankruptcies: New evidence from U.S. census tracts.”
15th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Copenhagen, Denmark.
(Sept. 2026).
50th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2026)

“Should casinos substitute ‘true odds’ rooms for ‘high limit’ gaming rooms?”
19th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (May 2023)

“Are casino taxes regressive?”

2025 Spring CofC/GCSU Economics Workshop. Charleston, SC. (May 2025)

93rd Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2023)

95th International Atlantic Economic conference. Rome, Italy. (March 2023)

“How casino match play promotions can hook gamblers (and non-gamblers).” 14th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Rome, Italy. (September 2024)

“Tipping on the tax.” Ios Economics Workshop. Ios, Greece. (June 2024)

“Is a clustered or dispersed casino location model better?”

13th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Oslo, Norway. (September 2022)

45th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (April 2021)

88th International Atlantic Economic conference. Miami, FL. (October 2019)

17th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (May 2019)

44th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Nassau, Bahamas. (April 2019)

“Ideas in behavioral economics for responsible gambling”

46th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2022)

12th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Valletta, Malta. (September 2018)

85th International Atlantic Economic conference. London, England. (March 2018)

“Did video gaming expansion boost Illinois municipal revenues?” with G. Wagner. 90th Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2020)

“Market saturation and the casino industry: evidence from Indiana.” 2018 Mid-Continent Regional Science Association conference. Kansas City, MO. (June 2018)

“Toward a free market in casinos.” 43rd Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2018)

“(How) would the New Hampshire model of free market casino legalization work?”

50th Anniversary Conference, Public Choice Society. New Orleans, LA. (March 2017)

11th European Conference on Gambling Studies & Policy Issues. Lisbon, Portugal. (September 2016)

16th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (June 2016)

“Responsible gambling, casino taxes, and policy,” sabbatical presentation. College of Charleston Department of Economics Seminar Series. Charleston, SC. (October 2015)

“The effect of casino proximity on lottery sales: zip code-level evidence from Maryland” with W. Cummings. 10th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Helsinki, Finland. (September 2014)

“Setting win limits: an alternative approach to ‘responsible gambling’?” with S. Litvin, R. Sobel, and R. St-Pierre.

77th International Atlantic Economic conference. Madrid, Spain. (April 2014)

University of Nevada, Reno, Department of Economics Seminar. (January 2014)

College of Charleston, Department of Economics Seminar Series. (January 2014)

15th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (May 2013)

“Market concentration and hotel prices in Las Vegas” with Brumby McLeod. 15th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (May 2013)

“Casinos and economic growth: an update” with J. Jackson. 82nd Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2012)

“Missouri casino revenue sensitivity to competing casinos” with T. Nesbit.

37th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2012)

51st Southern Regional Science Association conference. Charlotte, NC. (March 2012)

Discussant: “Economic education.” American Economic Association conference. Chicago, IL. (January 2012)

“The casino industry and the corruption of public officials” with P. Calcagno.

36th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Nassau, Bahamas. (April 2011)

70th International Atlantic Economic Conference. Charleston, SC. (October 2010)

84th Western Economic Association international conference. Vancouver, Canada. (July 2009)

14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Lake Tahoe, NV. (May 2009)

“The ill-formed and rotten roots of the ‘social cost of gambling’ estimates in the literature.” 35th Association for Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2010)

“Tax reforms for growth in South Carolina.” 35th Association for Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2010)

“Casinos and crime: what is the evidence?”

14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Lake Tahoe, NV. (May 2009)

77th Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2007)

“What are the social costs of gambling?” 7th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Nova Gorica, Slovenia. (July 2008)

“The regressivity of gambling taxes: the case of casinos”

74th International Atlantic Economic conference. Montréal, Québec, Canada. (October 2012)

7th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues. Nova Gorica, Slovenia. (July 2008)

“Are you ‘Hot or Not’? (And if not, what can you do about it?)” with C. Blair and A. Colao. College of Charleston Department of Economics & Finance Seminar Series. Charleston, SC. (April 2008)

“Katrina and the Gulf States casino industry” with J. Jackson. 77th Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2007)

“Different perspectives on estimating the social costs and benefits of gambling.” 13th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Lake Tahoe, NV. (May 2006)

“Do U.S. gambling industries cannibalize each other?” with J. Jackson. 74th Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2004)

“Gambling as a rational addiction.” 12th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Vancouver, BC, Canada. (May 2003)

“Maximizing gambling tax revenues: the optimal mix of gambling in a state.” 12th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Vancouver, BC, Canada. (May 2003)

“The relationships among gambling industries in the U.S.” with J. Jackson.

72nd Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2002)

11th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (June 2000)

“Unemployment insurance as a stability policy in a common market.” 72nd Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 2002)

“Is gambling a DUP activity?” 11th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Las Vegas, NV. (June 2000)

“The social costs of legalized casino gambling reconsidered”

GC&SU School of Business Research Seminar. Milledgeville, GA. (April 2000)

10th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Montréal, Québec, Canada. (May 1997)

“Concerns about politics, research, and the legalization of casino gambling.” 25th Association of Private Enterprise Education conference. Las Vegas, NV. (April 2000)

“State lotteries, isolation, and economic growth.” 69th Southern Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (November 1999)

“Legalized gambling and economic growth”

67th Southern Economic Association conference. Atlanta, GA. (November 1997)

LSU Department of Economics Seminar Series. Baton Rouge, LA. (October 1997)

10th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. Montréal, Québec, Canada. (May 1997)

Discussant: “Casino gambling as a catalyst for economic development: myth or reality?” American Economic Association conference. New Orleans, LA. (January 1997)

Book Reviews

For a dollar and a dream, by J. Cohen. (2025). *The American Economist* 70(1): 178-182.

Gambling in America: costs and benefits, by E. Grinols. (2007). *Southern Economic Journal* 73(3): 830-832.

Luxury fever: why money fails to satisfy in an era of excess, by R. Frank. (1999). *Southern Economic Journal* 66(1): 199-200.

The winner-take-all society, by R. Frank and P. Cook. (1996). *Southern Economic Journal* 63(2): 550-551.

Professional Service and Memberships

Ad Hoc Referee – since July 2018 (dates indicated)

<i>Addiction Research & Theory</i> [7/18]	<i>Intl. J. of Sport Policy and Politics</i> [3/21]
<i>Annals of Regional Science</i> [12/24]	<i>Journal of Gambling Issues</i> [7/19; 10/23; 2/24]
<i>Annals of Tourism Research</i> [11/18]	<i>Journal of Gambling Studies</i> [6/26]
<i>Current Psychology</i> [7/19; 9/19]	<i>Journal of Institutional Economics</i> [4/23]
<i>Economics and Business Letters</i> [9/18]	<i>Oxford Bibliographies</i> [5/21]
<i>Economics Letters</i> [10/24]	<i>Public Finance Review</i> [2/24]
<i>International Gambling Studies</i> [3/21; 6/21; 7/21; 9/21; 1/22; 3/23; 2/24; 2/26; 6/26]	<i>Regional Science: Policy & Practice</i> [4/20]
<i>Intl. J. of Sport Finance</i> [1/20; 5/20]	<i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i> [4/23]
	<i>UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal</i> [2/19; 9/19; 3/21]

Ad Hoc Referee – before July 2018

<i>Administration & Society</i>	<i>Journal of Business Research</i>
<i>American J. of Economics and Sociology</i>	<i>Journal of Economics and Finance</i>
<i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i>	<i>International Journal of Social Economics</i>
<i>Contemporary Economic Policy</i>	<i>Journal of Health Economics</i>
<i>Eastern Economic Journal</i>	<i>Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics</i>
<i>Econ Journal Watch</i>	<i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>
<i>Economic Inquiry</i>	<i>Journal of Regional Science</i>
<i>Gaming Law Review & Economics</i>	<i>Journal of Social Economics</i>
<i>Growth & Change</i>	<i>Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs</i>
<i>Intl. J. of Hospitality & Tourism Admin.</i>	<i>Regional Studies</i>
<i>International Journal of Regional Science</i>	<i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
	<i>Social Science Quarterly Southern Economic Journal</i>

Reviewer

For research organizations such as Alberta Gaming Research Institute, Gambling Research Exchange Ontario, Rockefeller Institute of Government, etc., and textbook publishers during the 1990s

Membership in Professional Organizations

Leadership positions	Asia Pacific Association for Gambling Studies (VP, 2011-15) Center for Public Choice & Market Process (Interim Director, spring 2010)
Current memberships	Association of Private Enterprise Education (2010-present) Southern Economic Association (1996-present; lifetime member)
Previous memberships	American Association of University Professors (1998-2004) American Economic Association (1996-2000, 2006-08) International Atlantic Economic Association (2007-10, 2014-2023) National Council on Problem Gambling (2015-16) Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (2003-04) Southern Regional Science Association (1998-2000, 2012) Western Economic Association (2008-12, 2015-24)

Selected Public Service Activities

St. Andrews School of Math and Science, volunteer for various events, K-4th grade classes (2015-20)
“Westie Award 2011,” for public service in the West Ashley (SC) community
Lowcountry Senior Center lectures: Economic impacts of legal casinos (June 2009, August 2011)

Awards

Eadington Award for Excellence in Economics, UNLV International Gambling Institute (2016)
Distinguished Research Award, College of Charleston School of Business (2008-09)
Honor Professor, Phi Kappa Phi (2001)
Economics Teacher of the Year, Georgia Association of Economics & Finance (1998)

Business Experience

Walker Brothers Co., Inc. Olathe, KS. Co-owner, 1988-1993. The family business includes six car washes in the Kansas City metro area and distributorships for Hydro-Spray equipment and Blue Coral Systems chemicals. In 1993, the company had gross revenue of over \$1 million.

International Travel (* indicates visits of > 10 days)

Argentina	Chile	India*	Portugal	Turks & Caicos
Austria	Hong Kong/Macao	Italy*	Slovenia	United Kingdom
Bahamas*	Finland	Malta	Spain*	Uruguay
Belgium	France	Mexico	Switzerland	
Belize	Germany	Netherlands*	Thailand	
Canada*	Greece*	Norway	Turkey*	
Cayman Islands*	Honduras	Peru		